

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1084 - HB 1625

March 10, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides for handgun safety courses to be approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Insurance rather than the Department of Safety as under current law. Specifies the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance shall certify persons conducting firearms instruction for compensation and persons teaching handgun courses. Requires the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance to develop certification categories for firearms instructors and determine the hours of training required for each category. Establishes a fee of no more than \$200 each year to be paid by those receiving certification as firearms instructors. Provides that violation of these provisions is a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$47,000 Dept. of Commerce and Insurance
Increase State Expenditures - \$34,150 Recurring
\$12,700 One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in state revenues from certification fees will be collected in an amount sufficient to cover expenditures.
- a not significant decrease in state revenues to the Dept. of Safety in fees from firearms schools and instructors.
- an increase in state expenditures of \$34,150 recurring and \$12,700 one-time for 1 position and related expenses in the Dept. of Commerce and Insurance to implement the provisions of the bill.
- a not significant increase in state expenditures to cover fees for firearms instructors in the TBI and the Dept. of Safety who would have to obtain certification and pay fees.
- a not significant decrease in state expenditures to the Dept. of Safety as a result of no longer certifying firearms schools and instructors.
- all firearms instructors employed by local governments would have to obtain certification and pay fees resulting in an increase in local government expenditures estimated to be not significant.
- additional impact on local governments depends upon the number of persons convicted of the offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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